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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
FOR PRIMARY CARE CLINICIANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 19a-7d of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health may establish, within
4 available appropriations, a program to provide three-year grants to
5 community-based providers of primary care services in order to
6 expand access to health care for the uninsured. The grants may be
7 awarded to community-based providers of primary care for (1)
8 funding for direct services, (2) recruitment and retention of primary
9 care clinicians through subsidizing of salaries or through a loan
10 repayment program, and (3) capital expenditures. The community-
11 based providers of primary care under the direct service program shall
12 provide, or arrange access to, primary and preventive services,
13 referrals to specialty services, including rehabilitative and mental
14 health services, inpatient care, prescription drugs, basic diagnostic
15 laboratory services, health education and outreach to alert people to
16 the availability of services. Primary care clinicians participating in the

17 state loan repayment program or receiving subsidies shall provide
18 services to the uninsured based on a sliding fee schedule, provide free
19 care if necessary, accept Medicare assignment and participate as a
20 Medicaid provider. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in
21 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish eligibility
22 criteria, services to be provided by participants, the sliding fee
23 schedule, reporting requirements and the loan repayment program.
24 For the purposes of this section, "primary care clinicians" includes
25 family practice physicians, general practice osteopaths, obstetricians
26 and gynecologists, internal medicine physicians, pediatricians,
27 dentists, certified nurse midwives, [nurse practitioners and] advanced
28 practice registered nurses, physician assistants and dental hygienists.

29 (b) Funds appropriated for the state loan repayment program shall
30 not lapse until fifteen months following the end of the fiscal year for
31 which such funds were appropriated.

Statement of Purpose:

To make advanced practice registered nurses and dental hygienists eligible for the state loan repayment program for primary care clinicians.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]